A

FORM

OF

PRAYER,

TO BE USED

In all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Public Worship, according to the Usage of the Church of England, throughout His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of May 1832; being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a General Fast and Humiliation before Almighty God, to be observed in the most devout and solemn manner, by sending up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty:

FOR

Obtaining Pardon of our Sins, and for averting those Judgments which our manifold provocations have deserved; and particularly beseeching God to remove that grievous disease with which several places in His Majesty's dominions are at this time visited.

By Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

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THE ORDER

FOR

MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The Service shall be the same with the usual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.*

¶ *Let him that ministereth, read with a loud Voice these Sentences of Scripture ; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

I WILL arise and go to my Father ; and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy Son.

If we say that we have no Sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us : But if we confess our Sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our Sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¶ Instead of the *Venite exultemus.*

HEAR our Prayer, O God : and hide not Thyself from our Petition.

Take heed unto us, and hear us; how we mourn in our Prayer and are vexed.

Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my strength; think no scorn of me, lest if thou make as though Thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the Pit.

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for Thy mercies sake.

Nevertheless, though I am some time afraid: yet put I my trust in God.

He verily is our strength and our salvation: He is our defence, so that we shall not greatly fall.

O put your trust in Him alway, ye people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

As for the children of men they are but vanity: the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

O trust not in wrong and robbery; give not yourselves unto vanity: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

Be thou, O God, our help in trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Deliver, Thou, our souls from death, and our feet from falling: that we may walk before Thee in the light of the living.

Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste Thee to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Proper Psalms*, L. *and* LI.

First Lesson, Ezek. Chap. XVIII. Verse 21, to the end.

¶ After the first Lesson shall follow, *Te Deum laudamus*, in English.

Second Lesson, St. Luke, Chapter XIII. Verse 1—9,

¶ Then *Benedictus*, the *Creed &c.* to the end of the Lord's Prayer.

¶ *Then the Priest standing up, shall say,*

Priest. O Lord shew Thy mercy upon us;
Answ. And grant us Thy Salvation.
Priest. O Lord, save the King;
Answ. Who putteth his Trust in Thee.
Priest. Send him help from Thy holy place;
Answ. And evermore mightily defend him.
Priest. Let his enemies have no advantage against him;
Answ. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Answ. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.
Priest. Lord, hear our Prayer;
Answ. And let our cry come unto Thee.

¶ *This Collect to be used instead of the First Collect for Morning Prayer.*

O LORD God Almighty, who art the Maker and Governor of all things, we Thine unworthy Servants bow down before Thee acknowledging our manifold offences, whereby Thou art justly displeased.

Thou has visited us even from of old, and beyond other nations, with many spiritual and temporal blessings. But, how often in the pride of our hearts do we forget that it is Thy hand from which they flow, and that Thou wouldest by Thy goodness and long suffering lead us to repentance! Neither, O Lord, have we thy servants learned righteousness from Thy judgments, which are in the earth. If thou chastenest, we are as rebellious sons, not knowing that in Thy displeasure, Thou carest tenderly for us, and art compassionate towards us, as a father pitieth his own children.

In many things we have all offended Thee: in pride, in impenitence, in hardness of heart, in neglect of Thy

word and means of grace, in forgetfulness of Thee, and in disobedience to the commandments of Thy Son.

O Lord, enter not we pray Thee into judgment with Thy servants! We are humbled before Thee. O remember that we are but dust and ashes! Yet, gracious Lord, let us fall into Thy hands, for thy mercies are great, and not into the hands of Men! So teach and try us that we may all learn from Thy Godly discipline, to examine our ways, and to turn to Thee, by a lively repentance.

Enable us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to walk as becometh diciples of Thy dear Son. And above all, in every dispensation of Thy hand, whether it be of prosperity or adversity, make us ever to lift up our hearts above this lower world, to thine heavenly kingdom, where pain and sorrow shall be no more; and where alone true joys are to be found. These and all other mercies, we humbly beg, not for our own worthiness, but for Thy love, and through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second and Third Collects at Morning Prayer.*

O GOD who commandest us, when we are in trouble, to open our Hearts, and to tell out our sorrows unto Thee in prayer, and dost promise to listen with compassion to our humble supplications, give us grace so to approach Thee, that we offend not in word or thought. Put away from us every impatient imagination, prevent every unworthy petition. Let not our prayers assume the language of complaint, nor our sorrows the character of despair.

Upon Thee, O God, and upon the multitude of Thy mercies we repose our grief, as we rest our hope. Arrest, we implore thee, the progress of that terrible disease with which some portions of this Kingdom are af-

flicted; and avert it from ourselves and from our families, if it be Thy gracious will. We have sinned, indeed, most frequently and grievously sinned, and provoked Thee to wrath. But, O Lord, destroy us not, nor cut us off in our sins; let not Thy jealousy burn like fire for ever, neither condemn us to the prisons of darkness; but shew forth Thy infinite loving kindness to Thy unworthy servants. Or, if it be not Thy will that we should continue exempt from this great calamity, O remember mercy in Thy wrath, and save all those who confess their sins, and humble themselves before Thee. And, however Thou shalt see fit to dispose of us or ours, keep us, we beseech Thee, stedfast in our faith and confidence in Thee; and enable us, under every dispensation of Thy will, patiently to adore Thy inscrutable Providence, and to bless Thy Holy Name for ever and ever.

These Prayers and Supplications we humbly offer up to the Throne of Grace, in the name, and through the mediation, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Litany.

After the Prayer (We humbly beseech Thee) *shall the following be added; the People repeating the same after the Minister.*

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to Thy people, who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment; and in Thy wrath, Thou thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Instead of the Prayer in Time of War and Tumults, the following shall be used:*

O Almighty God, Maker of the Universe, and Sovereign Disposer of the affairs of men, at whose command, Nations and Empires rise and fall, flourish and decay; We, Thine unworthy servants, most humbly implore, Thy gracious aid and protection, for that Nation of which we are a part, in this hour of peril and calamity. Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, thine especial favour to our most Gracious Sovereign: Direct his counsels, and prosper all his measures for the welfare of his subjects, and the preservation of our church, and of our civil constitution. Let no internal divisions, nor any other sins and follies of this Nation, provoke Thee to deprive us of the blessings and privileges, both civil and religious, which, beyond all other Nations, we have so long enjoyed, nor bring down thy Judgments upon us: But spare Thy people, O Lord, spare them; and, by Thy Grace, so unite us in a spirit of obedience to Thy Law, zeal for Thy Truth, and Loyalty to Thine Annointed Servant, whom Thy good Providence has set over us, that thou mayest still continue to us Thy accustomed mercy and goodness, so that it may be well with us and with our children after us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech Thee most merciful God, that, by Thy Grace, Thou wouldst keep alive in us, who have this day presumed to implore such great blessings at Thy hands, a constant sense of Thy presence, and of our dependance upon Thee: Suffer us not to return to our former sinfulness and disobedience, nor again to yield to those evil passions and desires, which have brought down thy Judgments upon us: but save us, O God, save us, not only from the heavy visitation with which we are now threatened, but from all those sins which this, and other similar manifestations of Thy dis-

pleasure are designed to punish or correct, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the General Thanksgiving.—To the end of the Morning Prayer, as usual.*

THE

COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King,* [Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting] *shall be read the Collect for the Day as in the Morning Prayer* [O Lord God Almighty,] *and then shall follow*

¶ *For the Epistle,* Jeremiah VII. *Verse* 1—7.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, are these. For if ye throughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye throughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

The Gospel. St. Luke, *ch.* XVIII. 9—14.

AND he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a pharisee, and the other a publican. The pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself; God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

¶ *Then shall follow the* Nicene Creed, *and after that the Sermon.*

¶ *After the Prayer* [for the whole state of Christ's Church] *the following shall be used.*

A Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.

O LORD and Heavenly Father, look down, we pray Thee, with compassion on all those who are any where suffering from that awful visitation which is now ravaging the earth, and which we are met to deprecate. Comfort and sustain all those who are now crying to Thee for succour under the agony of the disease; and restore them to health if it be Thy gracious will. Provide consolation and needful relief for all whom its fatal effects upon others who were connected with them, have already made mourners. Compose the minds of those who are disquieted by anxious fears, lest they themselves, or others dear to them as themselves, should be smitten; and enable them clearly to discern the true way by which they may either escape Thy judgments, or obtain

strength to endure, and grace to profit by them. And incline us all to practice, with sincerity and diligence, the duties to which the time particularly calls us. Let none of us be among those who harden their hearts, and refuse to learn righteousness, when Thy judgments are so conspicuously abroad in the earth. Put a speedy stop, we most humbly implore Thee, to this raging pestilence, and say to the destroying angel, "it is enough, stay now thy hand." And, during its continuance, make even this heavy calamity, the means of spritual and endless good to many, of all nations, languages and creeds, whom thou hast caused to feel or fear it. Regard, we beseech Thee, with thine especial favour, the church and nation to which we belong. Protect and defend them from all adversities and evils, whether from without or from within. Grant to Thy chosen Servant, our most gracious Sovereign, long to preside over them as a nursing Father, and Thy Minister for good to all his people. Pour down Thy blessing upon all Ministers of Religion, and upon all Magistrates; teach them to be examples of holiness to all those who are under their charge: comfort the distressed: bind up the broken hearted: lead back to Thy fold all those that are gone astray, and that are in error. Unite all our hearts in earnest desires to build up the walls of Jerusalem, and to promote the Kingdom of Thy dear Son. Let all bitterness and clamour and evil speaking be put away from us, with all malice. Give us the spirit of peace, of purity, and of zeal for Thy blessed Gospel, that we may be followers of Thee, our God, as dear children, and abide in love, as Christ also hath loved us.

Finally, give us all grace to walk in the ways of our holy profession, that thou mayst delight to dwell among us, and to do us good; and that Thy holy worship and service, which we now enjoy, may, through Thy Providence and mighty protection, be continued to us and our posterity, in this Thy house, for ever. Grant this,

O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked, according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Priest (or Bishop, if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

AT

EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Service is to begin by the Ministers reading the same Sentences that were read in the Morning.*

¶ *Then follows the Hymn which was used at Morning Prayer, instead of the* Venite, &c.

¶ *Proper Psalms,* LXXVII. *and* LXXXVI.

¶ *First Lesson,* Jeremiah, XVIII. 1—11.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, &c. *St. Luke,* L. 46.

¶ *Second Lesson, Romans,* II.

God be merciful unto us, &c. *Psalm* LXVII.

¶ *Then the Creed, &c. to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then follow the Petitions, as in the Morning Service.*

Priest. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us ;

Answ. And grant us Thy salvation, &c.

¶ *Instead of the first Collect for Evening Prayer, the same Collect that was used in the Morning Service,* O Lord God Almighty, &c.

¶ *The second Collect at Evening Prayer,*

O God from whom all Holy desires, &c.

¶ *The third Collect.*—Lighten our darkness we beseech Thee O Lord, &c.

¶ *Then the People shall say after the Minister, as in the Morning Service,*

Turn Thou us, O good Lord, &c.

¶ *Instead of the Prayer in time of War and Tumult, the same Prayer that is appointed for the Morning Service,*

O Almighty God, Maker of the Universe, &c.—and O God the King of Glory, in whose hands are all dominion, &c.

Then the Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions of men.

The Prayer of the Morning Service,

We humbly beseech Thee, most merciful God, &c.

The General Thanksgiving.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom,

Almighty God who hast give us Grace at this time, &c.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.